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June 28, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000880 - Project No. 674, Low Flow Diversion at Santa Ynez, City of Los Angeles - Pacific Palisades (3), to Clarke Contracting Corporation, in amount of \$946,375.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000881 - Kinneloa Debris Basin and Kinneloa Debris Basin - West Branch, vicinity of Pasadena (5), to Excel Paving Company, in amount of \$377,988.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000894 - Project No. 513 Line C, Project No. 513 Line A, and Los Angeles Project No. 5241 Ocean Outlet Repairs, City of Los Angeles (4), to Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., in amount of \$787,320.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000948 - Priority A and B Catch Basin Retrofit in Cities Tributary to the Los Angeles River, Phase 1A, Cities of Commerce, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and Los Angeles (1 and 3), to United Storm Water, Inc., in amount of \$909,890.46.

Project ID No. FCC0000978 - Priority A and B Catch Basin Retrofit in Cities Tributary to the Los Angeles River, Phase 1B, Cities of El Monte, South El Monte, Huntington Park, Maywood, Pico Rivera, Vernon, Alhambra, Arcadia, Burbank, and Glendale (1 and 5), to United Storm Water, Inc., in amount of \$636,852.13.

Project ID No. FMD0001039 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2005, West Maintenance Area, vicinities of Northridge, Pacoima, Woodland Hills, Glendale, and Santa Clarita (3 and 5), to TruGreen LandCare, in amount of \$568,698.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003075 - Catch Basin Cleanout, 2005, Dominguez Channel Watershed, et al., vicinities of Carson, Hawthorne, Lomita, and Rolling Hills Estates (2 and 4), to J & G Maintenance, in amount of \$68,546.25.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000880, FCC0000894, FCC0000948, and FCC0000978.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBES) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

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To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000880, PROJECT NO. 674, LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT
SANTA YNEZ (City of Los Angeles - Pacific Palisades), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a low flow diversion weir in an existing reinforced concrete triple box conduit, reinforced concrete stormwater/trash/sediment separator, reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, and discharge pipes, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 10, 2005 (Synopsis 90)

BID OPENING DATE: June 7, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Successful Bidder

+Clarke Contracting Corporation 4646 Manhattan Beach Boulevard Lawndale, California 90260 (310) 542-7724	\$946,375.00
2 PPC Construction, Inc.	\$928,993.50
3 *Mehta Construction Company	\$998,900.00
4 Blois Construction, Inc.	\$999,000.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

Clarke Contracting Corporation is a certified Local Small Business Enterprise and its bid qualifies for the Local SBE preference. Their bid is within 5 percent of the amount of the low bid submitted by PPC Construction, Inc.; therefore, the contract should be awarded to Clarke Contracting Corporation.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$647,848.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$946,375.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$298,527.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 46 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Based on the competitive price of the bids received, we do not believe that readvertising would result in lower bids. We recommend acceptance of the lowest bid for this contract.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Clarke Contracting Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On February 17, 2005, Synopsis 45, your Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in December 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 28, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000881, KINNELOA DEBRIS BASIN AND KINNELOA DEBRIS BASIN - WEST BRANCH (in the vicinity of Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of asphalt concrete pavement; construction of portland cement concrete pavement, retaining wall, guardrail, and gutter; installation of landscaping; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 15, 2005 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: March 22, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Palp, Inc., a corporation dba	\$377,988.00
Excel Paving Company	
2230 Lemon Avenue	
Long Beach, California 90806	
(562) 599-5841	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$327,026.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$377,988.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 50,962.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing of several contract items. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Budget. Financing for 50 percent of the construction contract cost will be provided by the Kinneloa Canyon Association in the form of a reimbursement to the District as provided in Agreement No. 75019 between the District and the Association, which your Board adopted on July 6, 2004, Synopsis 21.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Excel Paving Company has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 14 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 6, 2004, your Board found that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000894, PROJECT NO. 513 LINE C, PROJECT NO. 513
LINE A, AND LOS ANGELES PROJECT NO. 5241 OCEAN OUTLET REPAIRS
(City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Repair and construction of protection facilities for reinforced concrete pipe and reinforced concrete box storm drains at three ocean outlets.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 10, 2005 (Synopsis 93)

BID OPENING DATE: June 7, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., a corporation 5510 Trabuco Road Irvine, California 92822-0309 (562) 984-7340	\$ 787,320.00
2	Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc.	\$ 997,060.00
3	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$1,281,950.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 736,467.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 787,320.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 50,853.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.9 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), and Class 2, Subsection (b), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in December 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000948, PRIORITY A AND B CATCH BASIN RETROFIT
IN CITIES TRIBUTARY TO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER, PHASE 1A
(Cities of Commerce, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and Los Angeles),
Supervisory Districts 1 and 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of retrofit devices in existing storm drain catch basins
to reduce the amount of trash and debris entering the storm drain
system and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 10, 2005 (Synopsis 89)

BID OPENING DATE: June 7, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

*United Storm Water, Inc., a corporation 14000 East Valley Boulevard, Suite B Industry, California 91746 (626) 968-7755	\$909,890.46
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*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$931,460.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$909,890.46
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 21,569.54

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.3 percent below the estimate.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District will finance the construction contract cost which will be reimbursed by the California Integrated Waste Management Board under the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup program.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Storm Water, Inc., a MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 30, 2004, Synopsis 44, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in December 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 28, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000978, PRIORITY A AND B CATCH BASIN RETROFIT
IN CITIES TRIBUTARY TO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER, PHASE 1B

(Cities of El Monte, South El Monte, Huntington Park, Maywood, Pico Rivera, Vernon, Alhambra, Arcadia, Burbank, and Glendale), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of retrofit devices in existing storm drain catch basins to reduce the amount of trash and debris entering the storm drain system and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 10, 2005 (Synopsis 102)

BID OPENING DATE: June 9, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

*United Storm Water, Inc., a corporation 14000 East Valley Boulevard, Suite B City of Industry, California 91746 (626) 968-7755	\$636,852.13
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*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$554,070.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$636,852.13
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 82,782.13

The amount of the recommended contract is 15 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Based on the nature of the work and the specialty work required, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to United Storm Water, Inc.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District will finance the construction contract cost which will be reimbursed by the California Integrated Waste Management Board under the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup program.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Storm Water, Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 30, 2004, Synopsis 44, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in November 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001039, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2005,
WEST MAINTENANCE AREA (in the vicinities of Northridge, Pacoima, Woodland Hills,
Glendale, and Santa Clarita), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing of vegetation and debris from channel right of way and
channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 19, 2005 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 24, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	TruGreen LandCare, a general partnership composed of TruGreen LandCare, L.L.C., and TruGreen Companies, L.L.C., both corporations 7755 Deering Avenue Canoga Park, California 91304 (818) 346-7552	\$568,698.00
2	*Trimming Land Co., Inc.	\$580,953.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$450,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$568,698.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$118,698.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 26 percent above the estimate, which was based on previous years' contracts. While the bid price is significantly higher than the estimate, the bids received are competitive and readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay in clearing the channel right of ways with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

TruGreen LandCare has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in November 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003075, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2005,
DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Carson, Hawthorne,
Lomita, and Rolling Hills Estates), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Clean out 10,155 catch basins at various locations in the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 19, 2005 (Synopsis 46)

BID OPENING DATE: May 19, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Jorge Gudiño, an individual dba J & G Maintenance 10242 San Carlos Avenue South Gate, California 90280 (323) 563-0620	\$68,546.25
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2	*Rosalio Granados	\$81,240.00
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*MWBE

Ron's Maintenance submitted a bid for \$152,325.00. However, their bid guaranty was less than the required 10 percent of their bid proposal. Their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Paragraph H, "Nonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$101,550.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 68,546.25
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 33,003.75

The amount of the recommended contract is 33 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

J & G Maintenance, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2005.

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